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**WHAT IS CLAIMED:**

1. An electronic method for managing transportation from an origin location, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving an activity indicator including an activity location and an activity start time;

identifying at least a first airport, the first airport being within a first threshold measurement of the activity location; and

identifying at least a first departing flight associated with the at least the first airport, the identified at least a first departing flight associated with a flight arrival time and the first departing flight being at least between the origin location and the at least the first airport;

wherein the flight arrival time of the at least the first identified departing flight is prior to the activity start time.

2. The electronic method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying the at least the first airport includes the step of identifying a plurality of airports and wherein the step of identifying the at

least the first departing flight includes the step of identifying a plurality of flights associated with each of the plurality of airports.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein each of the identified plurality of flights is associated with a characteristic data item, the method comprising the steps of:

comparing the characteristic data item for each of the identified plurality of flights with a flight preference; and

ranking each of the identified plurality of flights according to the flight preference.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the step of comparing the characteristic data item includes the step of comparing the flight price for each of the identified plurality of flights with a flight price maximum; and wherein the step of ranking each of the identified plurality of flights includes the step of ranking each of the identified plurality of flights according to the comparison of the flight price to the flight price maximum.

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5. The electronic method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying at least the first departing flight includes the steps of:

calculating a travel time between the at least the first airport associated with the at least the first departing flight and the activity location; and

determining an activity location arrival time, the activity location arrival time indicating a summation of the flight arrival time and the calculated travel time;

wherein the determined activity location arrival time is prior to or equivalent to the activity start time.

6. The electronic method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying at least the first departing flight includes the steps of:

calculating a travel time between the at least the first airport associated with the at least the first departing flight and the activity location; and

determining an earliest flight arrival time, the earliest flight arrival time representing the result of subtracting the calculated ground travel time from the activity start time;

wherein the arrival time of the at least the first flight is prior to or simultaneous with the determined earliest flight arrival time.

7. The electronic method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving an activity stop time indicator, the activity stop time indicator indicating a stop time for the activity; and

identify at least a first returning flight, the at least the first returning flight associated with a flight departure time and being at least between the at least the first airport and the origin location;

wherein the flight departure time of the identified at least the first returning flight is subsequent to the stop time for the activity.

8. The electronic method of claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

determining if the flight arrival time of the identified at least the first departing flight is on a first day and if the flight departure time of the identified at least the first returning flight is on a second day;

responsive to determining that the flight arrival time of the identified at least the first departing flight is on the first day and that the flight departure time of the identified at least the first returning flight is on the second day, identifying a plurality of lodging locations within a lodging threshold distance of one of the at least the first airport and the activity location.

9. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of:

reserving at least one of the identified plurality of lodging locations.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving an activity indicator includes the step of receiving an address for the activity location.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying at least the first airport includes the step of identifying the at least the first airport, the at least the first airport being within a temporal threshold measurement of the activity location.

12. A computer system for managing transportation based upon a transportation indicator that includes a location and an arrival start time, the computer system comprising:

a processor;

a storage device connected to the processor, the storage device for storing instructions executable by the processor;

a plurality of instructions stored on the storage device, the plurality of instructions configured to cause the processor to:

identify at least a first transportation destination, the first transportation destination being within a first threshold measurement of the location; and

identify at least a first departing option associated with the at least the first transportation destination, the identified at least a first departing option associated with an option arrival time and the first departing option including transportation between a transportation origin and the first transportation destination;

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wherein the option arrival time of the at least the first identified departing option is prior to the activity start time.

13. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

identify a plurality of transportation origins; and

identify a plurality of transportation options associated with each of the plurality of transportation origins.

14. The computer system of claim 13, wherein each of the identified plurality of transportation options is associated with a characteristic data item and wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

compare the characteristic data item for each of the identified plurality of options with an option preference; and

identify each of the identified plurality of options that corresponds with the option preference.

15. The computer system of claim 14, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

compare a transportation option price for each of the identified plurality of transportation options with an option price maximum; and

identify each of the identified plurality of transportation options that have a flight price below or equivalent to the option price maximum.

16. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

calculate a travel time between the at least the first transportation destination associated with the at least the first departing option and the location; and

determine a location arrival time, the location arrival time indicating a summation of the transportation option arrival time and the calculated travel time.

17. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

calculate a travel time between the at least the first transportation destination associated with the at least the first departing option and the location; and

determine an earliest option arrival time, the earliest option arrival time representing the result of subtracting the calculated travel time from the activity start time.

18. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

identify at least a first returning option, the at least the first returning option associated with a option departure time and being at least between the at least the first transportation destination and the transportation origin;

wherein the option departure time of the identified at least the first returning option is subsequent to a stop time for the activity.

19. The computer system of claim 18, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

determine if the option arrival time of the identified at least the first departing option is on a first day and if the option departure time of the identified at least the first returning option is on a second day;

responsive to determining that the option arrival time of the identified at least the first departing option is on the first day and that the option departure time of the identified at least the first returning option is on the second day, identify a plurality of lodging locations within a lodging threshold distance of the location.

20. The computer system of claim 19, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

reserve at least one of the identified plurality of lodging locations.

21. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

receive an address for the location.

22. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

rank the at least the first transportation origin according to its temporal distance from the location.

23. The computer system of claim 12, further comprising:

a network connected to the processor;

a remote device connected to the network, the remote device for providing the transportation indicator to the processor.

24. The computer system of claim 23, wherein the remote device is a wireless device.

25. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the transportation destination is one of an airport, a bus station, a train station, and a shipping terminal.

26. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the transportation option is an airline option.

27. A computer system for planning transportation, the computer system comprising:

a processor for executing instructions;

a first storage device for storing an activity indicator, the activity indicator indicating at least an activity time and an activity location;

a second storage device connected to the processor, the storage device for storing instructions that are executable by the processor; and

a plurality of instructions stored on the second storage device, the plurality of instructions for causing the processor to:

identify a plurality of transportation options wherein each of the plurality of transportation options arrives at the activity location prior to the activity time; and

reserve a first of the plurality of transportation options.

28. The computer system of claim 27, wherein the activity location is a cargo destination and the activity indicator is a cargo arrival time.

29. The computer system of claim 27, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

apply a transportation rule to the plurality of transportation options, thereby identifying the first of the plurality of transportation options.

30. The computer system of claim 27, further comprising:

a network connected to the processor; and

a remote device connected to the network, the remote device for providing the activity indicator to the processor.

31. The computer system of claim 27, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

automatically identify a plurality of transportation options wherein each of the plurality of transportation options arrives at the activity location prior to the activity start time.

32. An electronic signal from an electronic device, the electronic signal capable of activating another device, wherein the another device is responsive to the signal to thereby perform steps comprising:

identifying at least a first airport, the first airport being within a first threshold measurement of the activity location; and

identifying at least a first departing flight associated with the at least the first airport, the identified at least a first departing flight associated with a flight arrival time and being at least between the origin location and the at least the first airport;

wherein the flight arrival time of the at least the first identified departing flight is prior to the activity start time.

33. The electronic signal of claim 29, wherein the another device is responsive to the signal to thereby perform steps comprising:

calculating a travel time between the at least the first airport associated with the at least

the first departing flight and the activity location; and

determining an activity location arrival time, the activity location arrival time indicating a summation of the flight arrival time and the calculated travel time;

wherein the determined activity location arrival time is prior to or equivalent to the activity start time.

34. The electronic signal of claim 29, wherein the another device is responsive to the signal to thereby perform steps comprising:

calculating a travel time between the at least the first airport associated with the at least the first departing flight and the activity location; and

determining an earliest flight arrival time, the earliest flight arrival time representing the result of subtracting the calculated ground travel time from the activity start time;

wherein the arrival time of the at least the first flight is prior to or simultaneous with the determined earliest flight arrival time.

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35. An electronic method for planning transportation, the electronic method comprising the steps of:

receiving an activity indicator including a plurality of transportation parameters;

developing a proposed transportation plan corresponding to the received plurality of transportation parameters;

transmitting at least an indication of the proposed transportation plan;

receiving an indication of approval of the proposed transportation plan; and

responsive to receiving the indication of approval, arranging transportation according to the transportation plan.

36. The electronic method of claim 35, wherein the step of receiving an activity indicator includes the step of receiving a scheduled activity from a personal information manager.